

Title II Project Application

Medford District Resource Advisory Committee

1. Project Number (Assigned by federal unit): OR-115-407

\$ 9,597.00

2. Project Name: Seven Basins Mobile Information Center 3. County: Jackson
 4. Project Sponsor: Seven Basins Watershed Council 5. Date: 4/15/03
 6. Sponsors Phone #: (541) 830-3781
 7. Sponsor's E-mail: perrotti@internetcds.com
 8. Project Location (attach project area map)

a. 4th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): _____

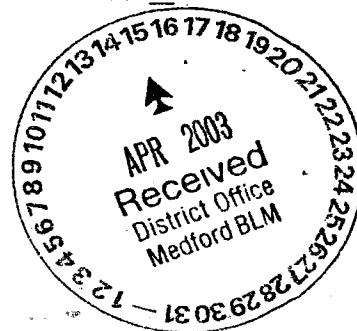
b. 5th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): Evans Creek and Rogue River/Gold Hill

#1710030803 & #1710030802

See attached map

c. Legal Location:

Township _____	Range _____	Section(s) _____
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d. BLM District Medford

e. BLM Resource Area Ashland & Butte Falls

f. National Forest Umpqua (1% of district)

g. Forest Service District _____

☐ h. State / Private / Other lands involved? ☒ Yes ☐ No

9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:

To provide area residents with current official information on wildfire and other hazard incidences. Placing a recognizable, reliable source of information in highly visible locations a moderate distance from the situation to minimize the resident and tourist traffic, reduce the spread of misinformation and reduce the growing burden of providing information by essential, professional personnel. This will allow the professionals to do their jobs and reduce resident confusion and fear at the same time.

To assist residents and agencies with emergency communications utilizing the ARES volunteer and equipment. This will increase safety, minimize fear and confusion while building trust.

To provide information and education to the public during BLM prescribed burns. This will facilitate the restoration and maintenance of watershed health on federal lands.

To inform and educate area residents in a manner that will facilitate more willing partnerships during emergency events.

To facilitate the efficient and effective protection of the Seven Basins Watershed.

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10. Project Description: (Provide concise description of project and attach map.)

MIC will be a concession trailer outfitted to house the necessary equipment and volunteers to effectively provide the public with information and education. It will be transported, by volunteers, to any location within the watershed determined by ODF, the Fire District or other appropriate agency. For communications MIC will be equipped with a scanner, fax/copier, cellular phone and Ham Radio. A generator will provide alternate power when needed.

MIC will be an official information point for agency partners. It will be stocked with appropriate maps and informational materials provided by agency partners. There will be an exterior message board where residents can leave messages for each other. Information on private resources available to assist during emergencies is being compiled through the Seven Basins Neighborhood Fire Planning Project and will be available for mobilization. Other related and appropriate services will be provided as identified and cleared with agency partners.

Volunteers trained by ODF will staff MIC. The SBWC will maintain a roster of 40 trained volunteers. In most instances staffing will be from dawn to dark with 2 volunteers working at all times. Shifts will be 4 hours in length. (4 shifts or 16 hrs. per day) In the most urgent situations MIC will be staffed 24 hours a day. ARES volunteers will also be present as needed.

All project activities will be coordinated and planned by the SBWC coordinator. The coordinator will schedule volunteer shifts and maintain materials & supplies at all times. All maintenance and storage will be the responsibility of the SBWC. MIC will be prepared to mobilize on short notice whenever needed. ARES will be responsible for determining and coordinating their participation.

11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?

☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, then describe.

12. How does proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

- ☐ Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure. [Sec. 2(b)]
- ☐ Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems. [Sec. 2(b)]
- ☐ Restores and improves land health. [Sec. 2(b)]
- ☐ Restores water quality. [Sec. 2(b)]
- ☒ Assists in the protection and maintenance of land health

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13. Project Type (check one) [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

- ☐ Road Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] ☒ Trail Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
☒ Road Decommission/Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] ☒ Trail Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
☒ Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): _____ [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
☒ Soil Productivity Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(B)] ☒ Forest Health Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(C)]
Watershed Restoration & Mntc. [Sec. 2(b)(2)(D)] ☒ Wildlife Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]
☒ Fish Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)] ☒ Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)]
☒ Reestablish Native Species [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)]

x Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]: education, information to assist in Watershed protection and restoration

14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes [Sec. 203(b)(5)]

- a. Total Acres: _____ b. Total Miles: _____
c. No. Structures: _____ d. Estimated People Reached (for environmental education projects): Entire affected population- up to 13,000.

e. No. of Laborer Days: _____

f. Other (specify): # of residents served, # of mobilizations, educational needs met both for residents and agency partners.

15. Duration of Project and Estimated Completion Date [Sec. 203(b)(2)]: This project will be ongoing and should serve the community for years to come.

16. Target Species Benefited: (if applicable) _____

17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved? [Sec. 2(b)(3)]

By providing official information and educational opportunities to local residents MIC will build trust and further cooperation between BLM and local residents. Most Seven Basins residents use our federal lands in some way. Many live adjacent to them.

BLM and ODF find the Seven Basins residents very difficult to reach and interact with due to a lack of any strong group or core tying people together either geographically or socially. They have come to the SBWC to seek assistance in communicating and building trust with our stakeholders. MIC will be a physical presence and provide a service that will facilitate the building of these desired cooperative relationships.

18. How is this project in the best public interest? [Sec. 203(b)(7)] **Identify benefits to communities?**

The MIC staff will provide official information to the residents of the watershed during all hazard incidents. This will reduce fear and misinformation and promote safety and cooperation with agency partners.

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MIC will facilitate the organization of community resources to address needs such as animal evacuation. Providing information and promoting cooperation among agency partners and local residents will build trust and a stronger sense of community that will build better agency/ community relationships.

☐ **How does project benefit federal lands/resources?**

The Evans Creek/Rogue River watersheds are two of the most fire prone areas in Southern Oregon. There is an extensive "checkerboard" ownership within this area with over 40,000 acres within a mile of the interface zone. The 13,000+ rural residents are dispersed and do not have full coverage by fire districts, which increases the need for information and communications.

Current demographic conditions have created a complex landscape, now termed the Wildland-urban Interface (WUI). Wildland fires can now threaten homes and structures. From 2000-2002 18.9 billion acres of private, state and federal lands burned as a result of wildland fire. In 2000 alone, 816 structures were lost. MIC would make it easier for everyone to learn the latest information, to address rumors, and to help deal with the emergency. MIC will support the wildland firefighters by providing the public with an additional local source for official information diverting the public away from the incident. It will facilitate the flow of community resource information to wildland firefighters further facilitating efforts.

20. Status of Project Planning

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| a. NEPA Complete: | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| b. If No, give est. date of completion: _____ | |
| c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete: | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| e. Survey & Manage Complete: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| f. DSL/ODFW* Permits Obtained: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| g. DLS/COE* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| h. SHPO* Concurrence Received: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| i. Project Design(s) Completed: | <input type="checkbox"/> X Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No Not Applicable |

* DSL = Dept. of State Lands, ODFW = Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, COE = Army Corps of Engineers, SHPO = State Historic Preservation Officer

21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteers |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): SBWC management with <u>Fire district, County, State and Federal agency partner assistance and participation</u> | |

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22. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials? (Sec. 204(e)(3))

☒ Yes ☐ No

23. Anticipated Project Costs [Sec. 203(b)(3)]

- a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: \$ 9,597.00
- b. Is this a multi-year funding request? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, then display by fiscal year
- c. FY02 Request: \$ _____ f. FY05 Request: \$ _____
- d. FY03 Request: \$ _____ g. FY06 Request: \$ _____
- e. FY04 Request: \$ _____

Item	Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Requested County Title II Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Other Contributions [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Total Available Funds
24. Field Work & Site Surveys				
25. NEPA & Sec.7 ESA Consultation				
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering				
28. Contract Preparation				
29. Contract Administration				
30. Contract Cost				
31. Workforce Cost - ODF raining - volunteer hours valued at \$320.00 per day			\$350.00	\$350.00
32. Materials & Supplies general office supplies, bulletin boards, etc. extension cord for generator, misc.		\$400.00 \$137.00	\$400.00	\$537.00
33. Monitoring				
34. Other - Concession trailer - Generator - Lumber for cabinets - Countertops - 4 Stabilizer jacks - exterior signage		\$9,067.00	\$1,500.00 \$300.00 \$125.00 \$150.00	

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- flooring			\$100.00	
- labor			\$80.00	
- fax/copies, scanner			\$500.00	
- Ham radio			\$300.00	
			\$3,000.00	
				\$15,872.
35. Project Subtotal		\$9,597.00	\$6,805.00	\$16,759
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead) (per year for multiple year projects)				
37. Total Cost Estimate	\$	\$9,597.00	\$6,805.00	\$16,759

☐ Identify Source(s) of Other Funding in Column C. Above [Sec. 203(b)(4)]

-Jackson County Emergency Management is contributing a fax copier and scanner and vests for volunteers.

-ODF is providing training for MIC volunteers

-All partners are providing maps and handout materials

-SBWC is providing half of office supplies and misc. provisions

-SBWC is providing volunteer workforce with supervision by council staff

-Stakeholders are donating lumber, countertops, jacks and flooring

- SBWC is donating labor to finish interior

- ARES is donating trained operators and equipment.

-SBWC is conducting a fundraising campaign to raise the additional \$1600 needed. This

- will increase community "ownership" of MIC.

39. Monitoring Plan (Sec.203(b)(6))

What measures or evaluations will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired ecological conditions? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?

The Seven Basins Watershed Council Board with input from ODF, BLM, Jackson County Emergency Management, Jackson County Sheriffs Dept., Fire districts 1,3 and 6 and volunteer staff will evaluate the effectiveness of this program after every mobilization and make changes to best meet the needs of our partners, residents and the watershed. The SBWC will also seek resident input through direct contact and survey during and after every mobilization.

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How will the project be evaluated to determine how well the proposed project contributes towards local employment and/or training opportunities, including summer youth jobs programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?

Does not apply

What methods and measures of evaluation will be established to determine how well the proposed project improves the use of, or added value to, any products removed from National Forest System lands consistent with the purposes of this Act? [Sec. 203(b)(6) and Sec. 204(e)(3)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?

Does not apply

d. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, Item 33)

Amount: none



United States Department of the Interior

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

1780(OR115)

MIC

7 Basin Watershed Council

B5338(LM:tp)

APR 7 2003

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Seven Basin Watershed Council is seeking funding for a Mobil Information Center (MIC) trailer to serve as an information source in emergency events such as fire, flood, and earthquake. The Seven Basins Watershed Council has envisioned the MIC as a place for sharing up-to-date official information between agency officials, affected communities, and tourists. This project has the support of the Oregon Department of Forestry, local fire districts and counties. The goal is to have MIC parked near the affected area; stocked with brochures and checklists; staffed by trained volunteers; and equipped with fax, scanner, and amateur radio.

Over the past century, America's population has nearly tripled. Much of the country's new growth occurred in the wildlands. Cities expanded into suburbs and suburbs blended into what was once considered rural America. The changing demographic condition created a complex landscape, now termed the Wildland-urban Interface (WUI). Wildland fires can now threaten homes and structures. From 2000-2002 18.9 billion acres of private, state and federal lands burned as a result of wildland fire. In 2000 alone, 816 structures were lost. There was a total of 122,827 fires staffed by 28,462 personnel, 667 crews, 1,249 engines, 226 helicopters, and 42 air tankers. MIC would make it easier for everyone to learn the latest information, to address rumors, and to help deal with the emergency. MIC would also support the wildland firefighters by providing the public with an additional local source for accurate information.

The population in the Wildland-urban Interface (WUI) keeps growing. Wildfires will continue to threaten these communities. The importance of a correlative, community based informational and communication system, such as a Mobil Information Center is imperative. The Bureau of Land Management supports this collaborative project because it will educate and inform local communities and help reduce confusion about wildland fire situations as well as other emergency events.

Sincerely,

Lance Nimmo

for Lance Nimmo
Field Manager
Butte Falls Resource Area

Seven Basins Watershed

